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## NEBRASKA'S OCTOBER 2012 CROP PRODUCTION

LINCOLN, Neb., October 11, 2012 -- Based on October 1 conditions, Nebraska's **corn** crop is forecast at 1.30 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month and down 15 percent from last year, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Yield is forecast at 142 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last month and 18 bushels below last year. Harvested acreage was increased by 50,000 acres to 9.15 million, but still 5 percent below a year ago.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 203 million bushels, up 1 percent from September but down 22 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and the lowest since 2003. Area for harvest was decreased 50,000 acres to 4.95 million, up 2 percent from 2011.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 3.48 million bushels, down 22 percent from last month due to a decrease in harvested acres. This production is 47 percent below a year ago and the smallest since 1953. Yield, at 58 bushels per acre, is up 2 bushels from the previous month but 36 bushels below last year. Harvested acreage was decreased 20,000 acres to 60,000, down 10,000 acres from last year and smallest since 1937.

**Sunflower** production is down 58 percent due to reduced acreage and yield from a year ago making this the lowest total since 2002. **Dry edible bean** production is up 45 percent from last year due to an increase in acres and higher yield. **Sugarbeet** production is up 18 percent from 2011, a result of a record high yield. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast to be 30 percent lower and **all other hay** production is expected to be down 29 percent from a year ago.

Acreage updates to planted and harvested acres from levels published in the September Crop Production Report were made based on a review of administrative data.

Access the National publication for this release at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProd//2010s/2012/CropProd-10-11-2012.pdf>

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